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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the antitrust dispute involving Microsoft. I support Microsoft in this dispute and feel that this litigation is a waste of precious resources, time, and talent. I believe the settlement that was reached in November is a fair and reasonable agreement to end this three-year-long dispute.

This settlement is thorough, and Microsoft did not get off easy. Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price. Microsoft has also agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows.

This settlement will benefit companies attempting to compete with Microsoft. This settlement will also benefit consumers by allowing this company to remain together and continue delivering innovative products to the marketplace. Please support this settlement. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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